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Thanks

... to Gary Hampton for supporting the junior swimming programme this term. Gary has been in the pool helping our junior students each day. The students are really grateful for his time and effort in helping them learn to swim. Thanks Gary from the whole junior team.
... to those who supported the doughnut fundraising this week.

Term calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

4 April	Year 7 and 8 Community Services Day
10 April	School ANZAC Commemoration
13 April	Final day of Term 1
1 May	First day of Term 2

People of the week.

... Our swimmers representing Whangarei at the Northland Swimming Champs on 11 April – Summer C, TeAarahi, Ava, Asher, Jynaia & Jaimee. A huge achievement to get this far. Good luck for the 11th!

Senior Camp Parents Thank You

Those parents who attended the recent Year 7 and 8 camp to Auckland are warmly invited to a BBQ by the school pool starting 6:30 on Thursday 6 April. Here is our chance to thank you properly.

ANZAC Ceremony

Parents are invited to share our ANZAC Commemoration with us on Monday 10 April starting 1:40pm. You might like to pencil this date in. More to follow.



ANZAC Poppies

... will be available from the school office from Monday 10 April for a gold coin donation.

Pool Closure

Please note that the school pool season will likely draw to a close 7 April. Thank you to those who hired keys for the 2017 summer season.

Please return keys to the school office
at your earliest convenience.

School Gates

A reminder, if coming or going from school, to keep the school gates closed at all times.

Items in last week's newsletter (Please access via our website or call the school office)

Carpark
Hockey Teams
Following up injuries acquired at school

Senior study time after school
Squash coaching ... year 7 and 8

International Schools English and Maths Competitions

ICAS entries were placed this week. We will make practice papers available from around mid-June. The English Exam is scheduled for 1 August and the Maths Exam for 15 August. More to follow next term.

Tax receipts

Please note that tax receipts will be sent out within the next couple of weeks with your child. This will be a tax receipt for the 2016 to 2017 financial year.

School Sores

We have had a limited number of incidents reported to us of school sores (impetigo). If you are concerned about this, or if you suspect your child may have school sores, please visit the following link <http://www.kidshealth.org.nz/school-sores-impetigo>. If your child has school sores please be vigilant in ensuring these area treated promptly and covered with a suitable plaster. The link above has some simple but effective guidelines to follow in the event of infection, we can also connect you with our public health nurse if you wish. If your child has received a diagnosis of school sores please let our office know so that we can monitor.

Whanau Group trip to Waipoua ... 8th APRIL, ALL WELCOME

Overnight trip to the Waipoua Forest planned by Whanau Group to explore tikanga within a family experience. We've arranged a guided forest tour that will include local heritage, tribal histories, flora and fauna. The cost is \$7.50 per person.

We'll gain an understanding of the environment and cultural importance of that environment from local iwi, Te Roroa. We intend for this to be a relaxed occasion and a fantastic opportunity to connect with other families from school.

Plenty of accommodation options i.e. camping, huts, cabins, lodges. Details and prices can be found on this website - <http://www.terorooa.iwi.nz/visit-waipoua.html>. Book your preference with Carmen by Friday 31st March so we can confirm our group booking - (Carmen.tonks@nativeparks.co.nz or 027 433 8056).

Bring a plate for shared dinner and dessert. We'll take a BBQ along for breakfast grilling. Bring your favourite breakfast items.

Finally

Joke from Jack .. Who's the king of the classroom? .. the ruler.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

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Make your own Beeswax Wraps - Come along to Comrie Park Kindy on Tues 4th April 7pm and make some wraps for the lunchboxes. \$20 everything provided, \$15 BYO material. Bring some dessert nibbles to share, tea and coffee provided. RSVP to Kindy 433 5045 or comriepark@nka.org.nz

COMRIE PARK KINDY OPEN DAY! All NKA kindergartens have an Open Day on Friday 28th April (last Fri of the holidays). Please spread the word and come along between 10am and 2pm to have a look around and talk to our staff about what we can offer your child. Look forward to seeing you!

REGIONAL SCHOOL LIT QUIZ

Last Thursday, two teams from Matarau School represented us in the Regional School Lit Quiz Competition at Kerikeri Primary School. Both teams performed admirably on the day, with the senior team finishing second overall, and the Year 6 team finishing 5th out of the Primary (yrs 1-6) teams.

Both teams worked hard in the lead up, looking over previous years practice questions. This preparation certainly paid off, with the Senior School finishing with their highest ever placing in this competition and narrowly missing a place in the national finals in Wellington.

Congratulations to both teams and we looking forward to going one better next year!

<u>Year 6 team</u>	<u>Senior team</u>
Celeste	Misha
Nathanial	Brendan
Jack	Emilie
Milly	Danni



SCHOOL LUNCHES



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), or Butter Chicken or Mince & Cheese Wraps and a Fruit Drink Box. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.

Community Notices

Drama and Musical Theatre Classes It's not too late to enrol for drama or musical theatre classes. In fact, there's no time like the present! Join our dynamic engaging classes for beginners to advanced performers. Email us today to book your child in, details on our website www.makingascene.co.nz or ph Helen on 021 172 3568

Wanted – 'small animals' – especially heritage chickens (or bantams) for family new to area, and / or a Jack Russell type dog. If you can help advise or source please text Margi on 022 467 1930

Little Ninjas karate classes for kids 4+ Karate improves fitness, focus and goal-setting. Bring your kids along to try it out for free. Mondays & Wednesdays 4-7 years 3.45 -4.45 pm; 8-12 years 4.45 - 6 pm at MiyagiKan Dojo in Walton St. Call Craig on 021 223 3644 for more information.

Wanted - new members for Ruatangata Indoor Bowls group. Wednesday 7.30pm start. All ages (inc children 8+ yrs old) welcome. Great social / community opportunity. Contact Alan Agnew on 435 0141 or Ben Foster 435 1570 with queries or turn up from 7pm on Wednesdays.

Action Zone AUTUMN Camp from 23rd-28th April, **Marsden Bay Christian Camp** and registrations are now open. Camp will fill up fast so don't miss out. You can go to www.actionzonecamps.com to see details and register.

JUNIOR HOCKEY CAMP – Y3 – Y6 Wednesday 26th April - Friday 28th April 2017 9.00am – 12.00noon daily \$15 per child per day Goalkeeper coaching on Wed & Thu (must provide own gear) Skills, hockey knowledge, small games, heaps of Fun - To Register – www.bit.do/JHCAPRIL2017 or brad@northlandhockey.org.nz for more info

Kids Holiday Biscuit Decorating Course Come & decorate some cute funky Easter biscuits. Ages 5 up. 26,27 & 28 April. Morning session 10.30–12.30, afternoon session 2.30-4.30. Sessions \$40 each. Limited spots – 027 561 8112 kim@donkerca.co.nz

KIDZONES HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES - Kidzones are based in Tikipunga, Kamo and Whau Valley Primary Schools operating from 7.45am to 5.30pm. WINZ subsidies are available for assistance in fees for those who qualify. Check out what fun activities the team at Kidzones have organised for each day on www.kidzones.co.nz. Enrol online via our website. Like our facebook page to keep up with the Kidzone activities daily during the holidays. Contact me, Sandra North 021 249 3308 or Sandra@kidzones.co.nz

Wags Gymnastic Holiday programme - 18–21 April or 24–28 April, 8.30am – 4.30pm half day \$25 8.30am – 12.30 pm or full day \$40. Bring own snacks lunch & drinks. Lots of fun & things to do there will be gym skills arts & crafts foam pit relay races games & circuits

Hopscotch Holiday Programme Based at Trigg Sports Arena on Park Ave. Mixture of centre based activities and excursions. Caters for 5-13 years old. Earlybird discount for enrolment before 10th April. Look us up on enrolmy.com, call 021 237 2598 or 021 030 6638 or email hello@hopscotchforkids.co.nz for more information.

Marist Junior Rugby Club are looking for any boys & girls keen to play rugby this year for U9s & U10s. If you are interested in playing, please get in contact with Chanelle 021 417 271 or maristrugbywhangarei@gmail.com by Monday 3rd April.

WANTED House to Rent - we are looking for a 3 or 4 bedroom house to rent in the school zone, 2 professional non-smoking parents and 2 children. Phone Sharon on 027 503 8213 or email sharon@rowanbeach.com

School Office Vacancy – Whangarei Adventist School – Advanced ICT skills imperative, precision, attention to detail, experience in financial management & health and safety also an advantage. To apply, email principal@wacs.school.nz – include cover letter, cv & referees.